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Students present research at SUSRC

BY JACOB TROXELL
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Salisbury University's Student Research Conference gave students the opportunity to get involved in many different types of professional research projects and present them to the SU community through either an oral presentation or poster session.

The research conference, held on Friday April 26, included topics from all academic departments. One of the presentations from

the communications department titled "Homelessness," led by junior Katherine Werrell, looked at the relationship between homelessness and the shelters in Wicomico County. The study assessed the relationship of the people who seek public aid, in this case homeless shelters, and the volunteers who work there.

Werrell measured the important relationship that directly has an effect on the success of the homeless shelters while taking care of those in need. The research group

visited one of these homeless shelters and a soup kitchen, and surveyed 10 volunteers and found that there is a positive correlation between the relationships of the volunteers and the homeless. While 100 percent of the volunteers surveyed said working at the shelters was a positive experience, the majority of them wanted improvements for operations.

Another presentation was from the English department by Dan

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Delegate Bohanan pushes for student action in politics

BY HENOCK ZACHARIAS
Staff Writer

Delegate John Bohanan (29B – St. Mary's County) was recent awarded the Hargreaves Fellowship award for stupendous public service.

Created by the Public Affairs and Civic Engagement organization to honor politicians, Salisbury University President Janet Dudley-Esbach described Bohanan as "an excellent role model for our students as they pursue careers in public service."

Delegate Bohanan has an extensive presence in Maryland's House of Delegates. He is a member of many committees, such as the House Appropriations Committee, which deals with cuts to the budget among other things, and he is also Chairman of the Education and Economic Development Committee, which is responsible for about half of the 16 billion dollar budget.

There was a long road that had to be traveled for Bohanan to reach his current position, however. He got involved in politics on random chance. As a freshman in Towson in the late 70s, his roommates and friends invited Bohanan to run for Student Government Association with them. Almost nonchalantly, he agreed and did nothing to prepare for upcoming elections. Bohanan was the only one to actually win and be elected.

After graduating from Towson with a B.S. in finance, Bohanan decided to try his luck in the local election back home. His opponent's name is lost to history, but he was apparently well respected in their town. He was active in the community and was well known for helping others. And John Bohanan was fresh from college and full of liveliness. Bohanan ran a great campaign, he recalls.

"It was full of energy from knocking on doors to getting people's attention, one of my better campaigns," Bohanan said.

And it was a close loss, the final vote was 54-46, but Bohanan said he wasn't deterred.

"I found myself a week later, riding my bike through my neighborhood," Bohanan said. "And that's a life lesson; it's the best attitude to have in life. You can't let anything get you down."

Following an arms dealing job, he found employment at Capitol Hill, which helped lead into his

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Boston Bombings prompt examination, growth of campus safety protocols

BY COREY NETHEN
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When Boston bombing suspect Dzhohkar Tsarnaev left the scene of the crime, he did not flee.

He remained on campus at University of Massachusetts- Dartmouth for three days; attending classes, stopping at the gym and partying in dorm rooms. The realization that students and faculty may unknowingly be surrounded by such threats is frightening, but years of preparation and planning have made the security of Salisbury University a force to be reckoned with.

On April 18, President Dudley-Esbach held a campus safety meeting in town hall to reassure the community that SU maintains an extremely proactive taskforce. Prompted by events like the Sandy Hook shooting and tragic death of MIT campus officer Sean Collier, specific tactics were highlighted that increase the security and safety of the campus.

"A lot of people don't know about these security measures," said Dane Foust, vice president of Student Affairs. "The meeting was held to inform, solicit ideas and bring up concerns, as we acknowledge we are not immune to crime."

Chief of University Police Edwin Lashley said that his department is in the forefront of active shooter response, practicing more than any other university to his knowledge. Active shooter tabletops are a sort of proactive case study, taking a look at how to respond to an open shooter on campus.

A timeline of hypothetical events is broken down into cards, which are distributed to police agencies in one room, and support staff and administrative assistance in another for up to four hours. The police focus on tactical response: deciding who is in charge, establishing a perimeter, commanding posts and communicating between other police agencies. In the other room, staff plan the actions of their Building Responders, administration in every campus building trained to give instruction and preserve the safety of all those inside.

A debriefing session follows, analyzing the decisions of both rooms and critiques end results.

"I think it's amazing that campus police, like Officer Collier, can be so dedicated to student safety," said senior Melany Parlamen. "Still, it's concerning that something so devastating that you wouldn't think is connected to campus could end up changing your life, or ending it."

To catch potentially hazardous students like Tsarnaev before it's too late, the Coordinated Response Team meets on a weekly basis to discuss groups of students of particular concern or threat. They were a recommended practice from a commission who studied the tragic shootings at Virginia Tech in 2007. The team makes recommendations on how to carefully intervene and reach out to these students to protect them as well as the community. The team is made up of members of Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Residence Life and University Police,

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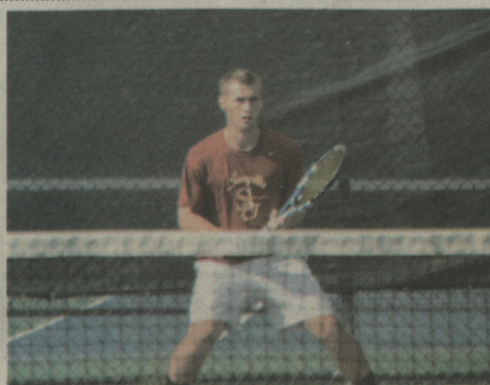
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Norris and discussed the influence of the two novels, "A Map of Home" by Randa Jarrah and "Truth & Bright Water" by Thomas King, on the influence of art on young people and their communities they grow up in.

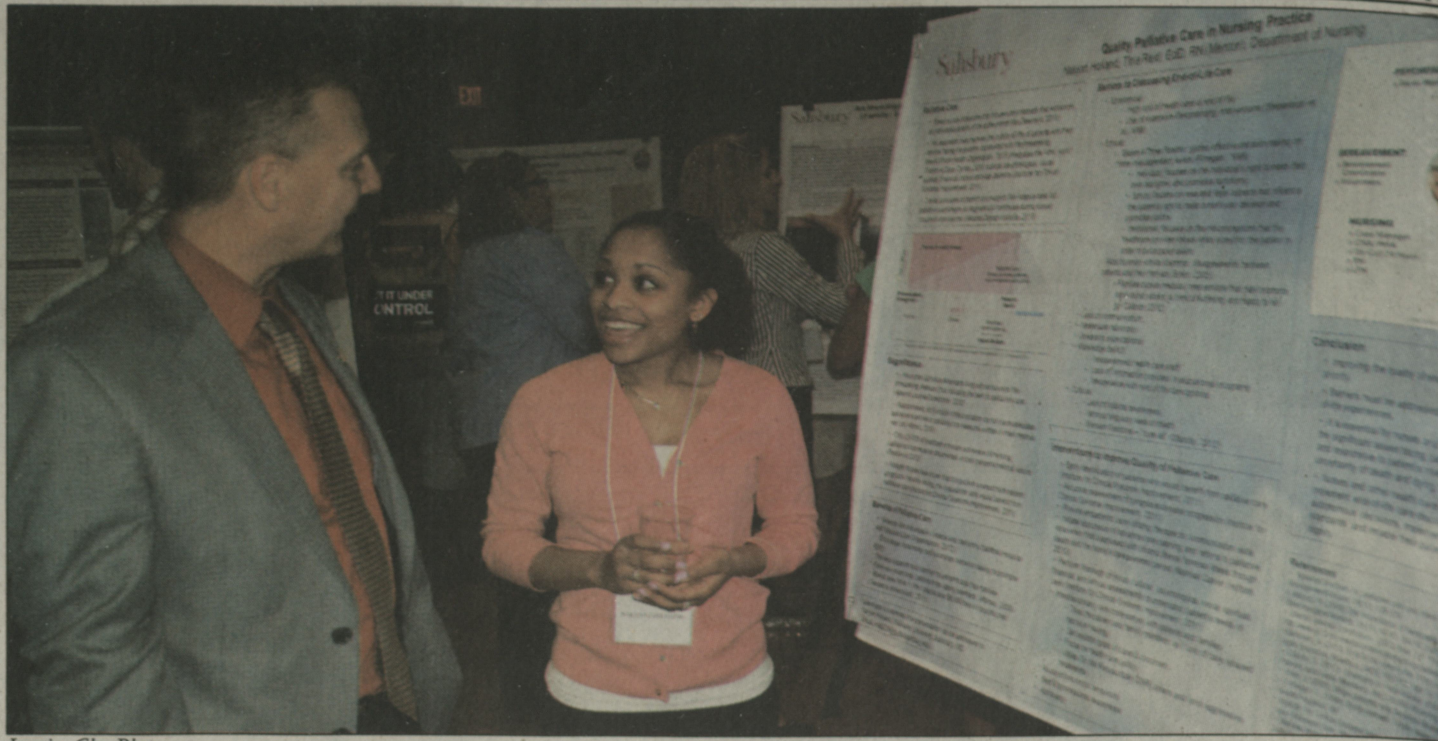
The novels focus on the two main characters (Nidali and Tecumseh, who are Palestinian-Egyptian and Native American) that face issues with their family and government policies.

They become inspired by native artists and begin going down a path of thought that conflicts with their societal way of thinking as a result of the artist. Nidali looks up to Monroe Swimmer, a Native American artist who "embraces his inspired impulses" that lead Swimmer into a successful career, however Nidali's father is a poet and architect. Nidali decides he does not want to try and support his family the same way his father does and instead tries to make his way through like writing poetry as a result of Swimmer's influence.

Tecumseh is also affected by Swimmer, and wants to become in touch with her creativity. This presentation discussed how these two characters showed similarities in how they were changed by the artist they encountered and made parallel decisions as a result of the effects from the artists.

A third presentation at the SUSRC from the Math and Computer Science program by Edward Martin, titled "Leveling the Playing field: How Moneyball is saving Major League Baseball" looked at the competitiveness of Major League Baseball and how the "moneyball" approach to evaluating players has made the game less just.

This moneyball effect was defined as "using



Jasmine Clay Photo
Nalynn Holland shares nursing research with SU vice president of student affairs Dane Foust at the poster sessions of SUSRC. With Dr. Reid as a mentor, Holland shares information regarding palliative care.

advanced statistics to find the true value of players." The presentation looked at the winning percentages from teams in the years ranging from 1950 to 2012 in attempt to find out if the preconception about Major League Baseball is really true, that only the richest teams win.

Other statistics looked at were regular season winning percentages for teams that did and did not make the playoffs. Also discussed were the findings of a positive relationship between spending money and getting into the playoffs from 1995-2012. Martin concluded his presentation with what is in store for Major League

Baseball in years to come, and how to fix this problem they are faced with involving teams with more money on average winning more games.

"Moneyball is going to die," Martin said. "You would like to see playoff teams payroll as the league average," but this is most likely not going to happen unless a salary cap is introduced, which will give all teams the same limit of money they can spend on players each year.

The only issue with instituting a salary cap is that the players union would most likely not allow it to be put in place.

"We would probably need to take a year off to institute a salary cap like the NHL did," Martin said, when asked if a salary cap could ever be put in place.

The oral presentations at the conference were held in Henson Hall from 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., while poster presentations were in the Wicomico room in GUG later in the evening after the oral presentations. There were over 26 sessions of oral presentations which included four presentations in each session. Overall there were over 100 oral presentations and 48 poster presenters at this year's SUSRC.

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among others.

Being an open campus, internally as well as externally, is a noted challenge.

"Our society is founded on the idea that you can do what you choose to do, and go where you wish to go," Foust said. "These acts of violence really result from a battle of freedom versus restriction."

Lashley accepted the challenge to protect our campus wholeheartedly when he arrived eight years ago. Before arriving to Salisbury, Lashley worked for the Maryland State Police for 28 years as Chief of Field Operations Bureau and second in command, responsible for instructing 1,100 of the 1,700 officers. He regularly worked with SWAT, K9 and hostage security.

"When the university hosts special events, like past visits from Newt Gingrich or foreign presidents, University Police works with the Secret Service or the FBI to scan the facility for explosives, upon request.

"I frequently tell my officers that it is easy to be complacent at times, however you need to caution against that," Lashley said. "It's sad and unfortunate, but the events at MIT are not surprising to me personally."

SU's campus has hundreds of cameras installed for enforcement. Lashley said they are the most sophisticated that he knows of on the Eastern Shore and have helped solve very serious acts of crime.

Director of Counseling Services Kathleen Scott works hard to ensure that her department is able to detect issues with student's mental health. Online simulation programs like Kognito Interactive and Stand4You help teach how to target these problems from an early standpoint.

"Trauma after incidents like the Boston

bombings can interfere in basic functioning," Scott said. "It's important to get professional help from our office or outside counseling services."

Violent campus crimes are becoming more prevalent recently. Nearby incidents like the homicides at University of Maryland-College Park, UMES and Morgan State University localize this reality.

The Boston tragedy hit close to home for some SU students.

"I have friends that go to Boston University and the cell phone towers were shut down during the lockdown," said Kaylea Cermak, senior. "I could not get a hold of them and the only way I could make sure they were alive was through Twitter. It was terrifying."

Senior Liz Desmond lives in Duxbury, a Boston suburb. She described the shooting at MIT as shocking for friends from her town that attend the university, as a common criminal act in the coastal town is a barking dog.

"A lot of kids that go to MIT are sheltered," Desmond said. "My friend told me he felt like his world flipped upside down, it was an indescribable feeling."

"The suspects messed with the wrong city. I don't think they knew how close-knit our area is. The sense of community we have is insane."

As Chief Lashley rhythmically knocked both sets of knuckles on his large wooden desk for good luck, he spoke on the positive progression of campus safety this year.

"It's been relatively quiet so far. There has been a diminished number of calls reporting student misconduct and crimes against students."

there when they brought home the 444 captured American citizens home," Bohanan said.

It was all these experiences and his constituents in mind that helped form his choices when it comes to deciding Maryland law.

Delegate Bohanan said he does not agree with all the choices of the legislature, for example, gun laws.

Mainly as a response to the heightened coverage of gun violence across the nation by the news, many states have proposed tough anti-gun laws to try to curb the violence.

Bohanan cites his background of southern St. Mary's County as a defense.

"Most of us grew up around guns, so it's not that big of a deal," Bohanan said.

And given the rural areas of Maryland, many would probably agree with him.

Another choice he did not agree with is the slot machines.

"It's a cheesy way to raise revenue, it's a different way to raise taxes on a population who automatically recoils from the very words 'raising taxes,'" Bohanan said.

Bohanan said he is unsure if this trend of liberal political activity is something more, or just a trend.

"It's too difficult to tell," he said. "The constituents send who they feel best reflect their values to Annapolis."

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SU celebrates Earth Day in Red Square, promotes 'green' campus programs



Karin Cunningham photo
Alpha Phi Omega member Emily Grundy joins Rosalyn Moynihan to share smiles along with natural, colorful Pulsera bracelets with the campus community in Red Square on Earth Day.

BY JUSTIN MCCLURE
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As winter's chilling breath lingered in the air, Salisbury University students gathered at Red Square to celebrate Earth Day on April 22.

With temperatures hovering in the mid-40s and dark clouds blanketing the sky, the day did not indicate that spring had blossomed. Draped in pants and sweat-shirts, students welcomed the bleak day as an opportunity to promote and inform others of how they can contribute to conservation efforts and appreciate the very planet they call home.

Tables and stands dotted the square as students from various organizations conversed with bystanders about the principles and ideologies of their groups. Among those represented were BioEnviros, Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization and the Garden Club.

BioEnviros member Christina Grossi said we want people to think about the planet and the impact they have on it.

"Raising awareness about pollution and to come and appreciate Earth is one of our greatest priorities," Grossi said.

As club members were distributing flyers about a meteor shower occurring in a few days, she continued by saying that BioEnviros sends out campus-wide emails to advertise volunteer opportunities and clean-up efforts.

Each organization has a different way of doing their part to make a greener future. Junior Lori Defnet and the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization do just that. Being aware of the environment is business in itself.

"CEO aims to promote green business and environmental policy to future entre-

preneurs," Defnet said.

As fluorescent yellow and orange posters danced in the wind, music boomed from Caruthers Hall as more and more people gathered to learn about Earth Day and how to exemplify greener practices.

"The gardens you see around campus are maintained by the Garden Club," President Will Barron said. "We use the campus compost in order to promote the use of organic materials."

Gardening with pesticides and other chemicals can lead to the pollution of surface water and groundwater. They can also affect other aspects of the environment including plants, animals and even humans.

It's important to research how actions could affect the environment, everyone can do their part and it's easy to do. Making a compost bin, switching appliances to energy efficient models, washing laundry in cold water instead of hot, turning off lights before leaving a room or even using a reusable water bottle can help the planet—every effort counts.

Earth Day is not a new idea. In fact, it has been celebrated for over forty years.

The first Earth Day occurred in 1970 under Richard Nixon's presidency. However, the notion of Earth Day came from U.S. senator Gaylord Nelson, after witnessing the aftermath of the Santa Barbara, Calif. oil spill in 1969. As a result millions of people took to the streets to promote the same principles that SU students rally for decades later.

The first Earth Day eventually led to legislation in conserving the planet such as the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

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current position as a delegate. And it's here he's spent the last 19 years of his life.

When speaking to students, Bohanan said that they could have that life too.

"With a college education, your well on your way to representing your district," Bohanan said.

However, Bohanan said that in today's job market, a bachelor's just isn't cutting it in some places.

"You can't just plan on the four years," he said.

Many students feel the same way. According to a Time magazine article in 1972, 38 percent of students planned on stopping their higher education at a bachelor's degree. In 2008 that number has dropped to 22 percent.

One of Bohanan's main points is to consider a life of politics. He did, and he said he's proud of his life so far.

"I've enjoyed it," Bohanan said. "I've got to travel, see people, change lives."

Bohanan recalled being to the White House twice with Presidents Bush and Obama. He's visited men called tyrants, such as the President of Syria.

"I thought he was a decent guy," he joked.

"The CIA however, disagreed."

One tale students might find more interesting is that he saw Argo (the Ben Affleck Movie) in real life.

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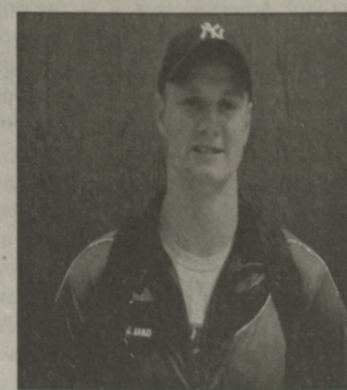
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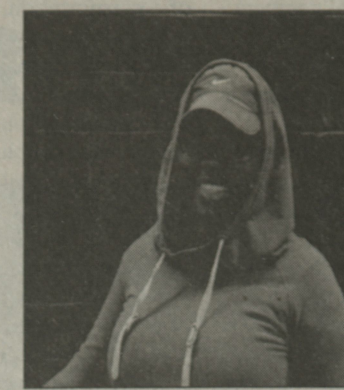
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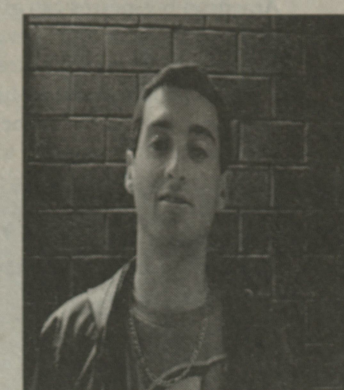
"I listen to music a lot and I try not to study right before."
-Alana Picard, Freshmen



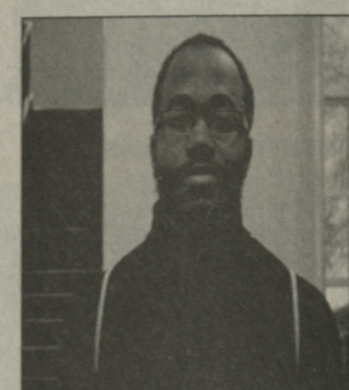
"I go for a ride to the beach on my motorcycle."
-Connor Cooney, Sophomore



"I read a book that's not related to school or I'll hang out with friends and watch a movie."
-Jacqueline Felton, Junior



"I only have one final, but I try to think that once it's over summer's here."
-Dan Schwall, Junior



"I go to the gym at night to work out and let my mind free. I control the weights so everything is up to me."
-Antonio Johnson, Senior

Letter to the Editor

My heartfelt thanks go out to the more than 800 students who volunteered to participate in April 20's "The Big Event." That so many SU students would get up early and give their Saturday to this larger community effort speaks to your character and commitment to the public good! I've heard many people who live in proximity to campus say how impressed they were with your "spring clean-up" efforts. Thank you, students, for making your University proud and for helping build strong, positive Town-Gown relations!

Janet Dudley-Esbach (a.k.a. "Dr. Janet")
President

A personal view of the Boston Marathon Bombings

BY JESSICA BLUM
Staff Writer

As I'm sure you all know of the tragic event that occurred on April 15 in Boston, Mass., some people got a closer look than we did.

The marathon that was taking place was in honor of the Sandy Hook shooting a few months back, and some of the survivors happened to be running in the marathon. Just when you thought the world was a cold enough place something like this happens. Some of the worst things happen to the best people and this was definitely one of those times.

Although it seems like this tragedy happened far away from us, it's closer than we think. My roommate, Carsten Kralstein's best friend from home, Taylor Neal, attends school at Boston University and her and a few of her friends took the day to go watch the marathon a little ways from their campus. They were standing around the finish line waiting for the runners to come in just enjoying the day when the bomb went off.

As soon as Kralstein and I heard about the bombing we immediately texted our friends who we knew were in the Boston area. Neal had told Kralstein that she was half a mile away from the explosion and ran to her friend's house, who lived around the area, and hid in her basement until it was all clear. She witnessed chaos as people ran past the finish line straight to the hospital down the road to give blood for those who were losing theirs.

Although we were reassured everyone we knew was alright they shut down cell phone service in the area so it was hard to keep in touch.

A kind of event like this is scary because it can happen out of the blue. What was supposed to be a good day filled with honor for those who lost their lives in another tragic accident turned into another tragedy. Be grateful for what you have because you never know what is going to happen.

There are some horrible people out there but there are also good people who in light of everything that went on did everything they could to save innocent lives. Although many times it seems like we are living in a world full of tragedy, there is good out there as well.



BY ABIGAIL COLBY
Party Girl Problems Columnist

While many of you seniors are probably finding yourselves in the midst of the inevitable panic attack that occurs as the last semester comes to a close, it may be less depressing to spend this time reminiscing on all of the good memories, friends you've made and lessons you've learned during your four years as an undergraduate.

Allow PGP to assist you in getting the ball rolling by sharing our top five things that we have come to love and adore in college.

1. Mini bottles of wine and liquor

The wheel, the light bulb, the telephone: all inventions that have come to revolutionize the way we live and communicate. And while these things are nice and certainly appreciated by our society, there are certainly no better inventions than those that assist us in becoming intoxicated.

Although the beer bong and straw helmets have helped pave the way in this arena, no innovation has made busy college students happier than the introduction of mini bottles of the wine and liquor market.

A true life saver for those of us who may find they need to put down six ounces of Pinot Grigio on the go or could really use a shot of Bacardi on campus, not only are these discrete beverage containers easy to sneak into the bar via your makeup bag or back pocket, but they also make for a convenient way to nonchalantly begin or continue a buzz in places where it is not socially acceptable to house alcohol, i.e. the movies, church services, or the waiting room at your

dentist's office. Take note marketing majors; drinking innovation is the wave of the future.

2. Bagel Shops

Ah, bagels. Those who have been in college for a significant amount of time are likely still operating under the false presumption that those gloriously large hunks of carbohydrates somehow soak up all of the alcohol and bad decisions still presiding in us after a long night. And while bagels cannot reverse a black eye or chlamydia diagnosis, consider them otherwise the corrector of all other predicaments you may be in post-weekend.

Warm, flavorful and made with love, bagels are like a big hug after a rough night for hungover kids nationwide.

3. Lax or Non-Existent Class Attendance Policies

Does anyone else feel like professors that threaten you with grade reductions if you don't show up to be forced fed their superior, doctorate level knowledge are slightly egotistical?

We get it, going to class heightens your chances of getting good grades, but it can also be equally detrimental in ways that often go unacknowledged. What if in those two hours of extra sleep you get you have some dream-induced epiphany? And I'm sure many of us can firmly attest that between technical difficulties, irrelevant side tangents and dragging monotonies, sometimes being in lecture isn't always the best option for our academic success. Professors that give us choices, we salute you.

4. Intramural Sports Teams

It's crazy the kind of athleticism a

few brews can bring out in your average college student. While you may not have been a home run champion in baseball or hockey star of your high school team, suddenly your inappropriately-named intramural team has given you the opportunity to drunkenly sprint around the bases like one of the majors or hit a floor hockey goal with Ovechkin-like agility.

Combining booze and contact sports may not be the safest way to engage in your favorite game, but intramurals are a collegiate staple that have been giving non-athletic college students that chance to become inebriated sports legends for decades.

5. Open Bar Tabs

One of the most glorious and simultaneously dangerous things every new bar connoisseur realizes upon first entry is the option of keeping your tab "open" after paying for your first drink.

For the responsible bar patron, an open tab is a simple way to make ordering drinks easier and minimize the risk of losing your plastic during a transaction. However, anyone who has had an open tab (or friend, parent or classmate with one), knows that you suddenly become the P. Diddy of Brew River once your account is left up for grabs.

Rum and Cokes for you and ten of your closest friends? Boom! Taken care of. Fireball shots for one of your freshman year BFFs? Tab it! And while leaving your own tab open may wipe out your budget and more than likely result in an early morning bar trip to retrieve your now overdrawn bank card, open tabs help us to feel like the high rollers of the college bar scene, and that's important.

What defines happiness?



BY AJIA ALLEN
Staff Writer

A nap during finals week, extra credit and a Gull Card full of dining dollars defines happiness for Salisbury University students and is sadly temporary at best.

Distinguished philosophers presented the question last Saturday at the 33rd annual Philosophy Symposium to a room of eager listeners.

Happiness is a pretty heavy topic to define like any other emotion or state. Toward the conclusion of the all-day symposium, even the brightest

philosophers and experienced professors ended with unanswered suppositions.

Both of the guest speakers for the symposium have stood on mountains of accolades and high recognitions in the field of philosophy.

Mitzi Lee, a philosophy expert who received her Ph.D. from Harvard University, crafted deductions against Aristotle for the crowd to think over. Christopher Heathwood, another expert in the field who has taught at Princeton and the University of Oxford, piggy-backed on Lee's argument about pleasure and satisfaction.

SU's selection for symposium teachers proved adequate in presenting options for such a loaded question but the room of students, faculty and local residents were perhaps stuck in their own answers.

Audience members posed questions for a panel of four professionals in varying fields following the presentation of both guest speakers.

The biblical Book of Job was frequently referenced to examine a picture of utter misery under the notion that a virtuous man cannot die unhappy no matter what.

Students and faculty wrapped their minds around the idea that "sometimes painful experiences can be pleasant because pain isn't always bad," Lee said.

Lee asserted the claim that pain does not directly detract from happiness as a broad sense of the mood.

Panelists said that there is no scale in happy endeavors as thoughts or activities, not self-sacrificing acts, contemplation and meditation or even living the "good life." Whichever way

someone in the room argued, the majority agreed that the symposium's posed question was not empirical.

After all, happiness is unobservable as a state rather than a fleeting sensation. Happiness was then thrown in the "things that are subjective" pile and that was still unsatisfying to some listeners.

Correlations to happiness are much more recognizable than causes. Whatever happiness might be, whether there is an objective status of the form or it's completely individual, examination of choices seems to be the underlying message to it all.

The annual symposium did a great job succeeding last year's topic of the moral obligation to healthcare.

Happiness is definitely a questionable topic for stressed out students preparing for finals.

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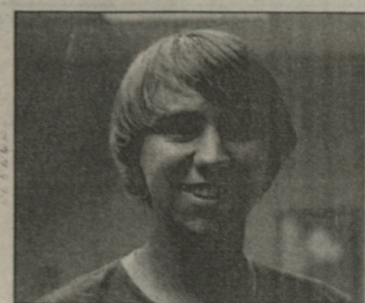
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Foxx nominated to lead Transportation Department



BY STEVEN CENAME
Editorial Editor

With a crumbling infrastructure, the job of the Secretary of Transportation is going to be one of the most important in the American government over the next few years.

Forty-two year-old Anthony Foxx, the current mayor of Charlotte, N.C., was selected by President Obama on Saturday to replace the retiring Secretary Ray LaHood.

Foxx has an impressive resume. He is a graduate of New York University Law School, Charlotte's first Democratic mayor in 22 years, spent many years practicing law in

both the public and private sectors and hosted the Democratic National Convention last year.

"As mayor of one of America's most vibrant cities, Anthony Foxx knows firsthand that investing in world-class infrastructure is vital to creating good jobs and ensuring American businesses can grow and compete in the global economy," read a statement from the Obama administration.

Foxx's initiatives during his tenure as mayor make him a good fit for the job. He expanded the city's streetcar to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, which was an expensive project that was completed swiftly and efficiently.

His tenure also saw the creation of the Charlotte Regional Intermodal Facility that transfers cargo between trucks and trains and also a new runway at the Charlotte/Douglas International Airport. Foxx has also chosen to pursue another controversial streetcar project, which has put him at odds with North Carolina's republican governor, Pat McCrory, because Foxx proposed to have the funding for the project to be used from property tax dollars.

Obama selected Foxx because during his tenure as mayor, the city witnessed an increased number of initiatives and investments that made Charlotte's transportation one of the most high-tech in the country, creating thousands of jobs in the process. With Foxx at the helm of the Department of Transportation, perhaps America's transportation needs will be able to be put on the right track and make us competitive in the 21st century.

Foxx's future job was, at least for the time being, made simpler by Congress last week, as it reached a deal to stop all air traffic controller furloughs that were brought about by the March sequester, albeit the solution is most likely temporary. Last week, Congress voted to provide the Department of Transportation with the budgetary flexibility to end the furloughs, which will give the new secretary the power to prevent the major job losses that were planned.

The new secretary is almost certain to face numerous and continuous budgetary battles with Congress, which has been very skeptical of new transportation funding in recent years.

If I may suggest one area where he can start lobbying for funding, I would suggest working with Congress to get funding for the proposed Purple Line in Montgomery County, which would connect Bethesda and College Park. The new Metro Line would make it easier for College Park students of the populated suburban area to go home for the weekend. The Purple Line would also provide students with a more convenient and less hectic commute to the College Park campus, which would increase attendance for summer classes.

The project was proposed in the late-1990s and has barely gotten its foot out of the door in terms of federal funding. Perhaps the new secretary, if confirmed, will be able to change that.

As American infrastructure continues to decline, and funding continues to be harder and harder to obtain, leadership is necessary from the government in order to solve these issues. Roads and bridges are used by everyone, and when such transportation infrastructure is collectively used and owned, it is up to our leaders to make sure it stays safe and up-to-date.

It is the End of the Semester.
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Communications professor shares life story in 'Last Lecture'

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN
Gull Life Editor

When Dennis Leoutsakas' HIV test came back positive, his whole life seemed to shatter before him. Leoutsakas, who had spent the first 30 years of his life on the streets and trapped by drug use, had spent the last ten years working toward redemption. But it seemed he could not escape his past. "I had no refuge from myself," he said.

The Salisbury University communications professor gave the campus community a glimpse into his life journey at the Student Organization for Activity Planning's Last Lecture last Wednesday. He urged students to use his story as a way to better understand themselves.

"Everyone has a story," Leoutsakas said. "Everyone has a childhood; everyone has an adolescence."

Leoutsakas had the odds stacked against him from the moment he was born, when his teenage mother chose to give him up for adoption. From there on, his childhood consisted of moving from foster home to foster home, as a canceled adoption had made him "unadoptable."

"My first complete memory was standing alone in front of the house, waiting for a social worker to take me to yet another home," he said.

Leoutsakas' experience in the foster care system shaped much of his life, and he classified his mentality as oppositional defiant disorder.

"I didn't trust. I was this person who wasn't willing to bond," Leoutsakas said, noting that he experienced difficulty with emotion for much of his life.

Leoutsakas led a rebellious adolescence filled with alcohol, drugs and violence, eventually leaving school and joining the army to fight in the Vietnam War.

"When rebellion is your purpose, you can

do it with a just cause, you can do it with an unjust cause, or you can do it like me - just because," he said.

Leoutsakas joked that he was "a teacher by karma."

After leaving the army, Leoutsakas lived on the streets, with "no family...and no incentive." However, he eventually decided to make a change.

"For the first I looked at my life and said, for so long you've been blaming your mother and father, and your foster families for your situation," he said. "But it's only me who I can control."

Leoutsakas, who had begun experimenting with drugs while in the orphanage, checked

himself into a rehabilitation center, starting an 18-month program that changed his life. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees, and eventually began working with other recovering addicts. He became a professor at SU at 2002, and has been inspiring SU students in their educations ever since.

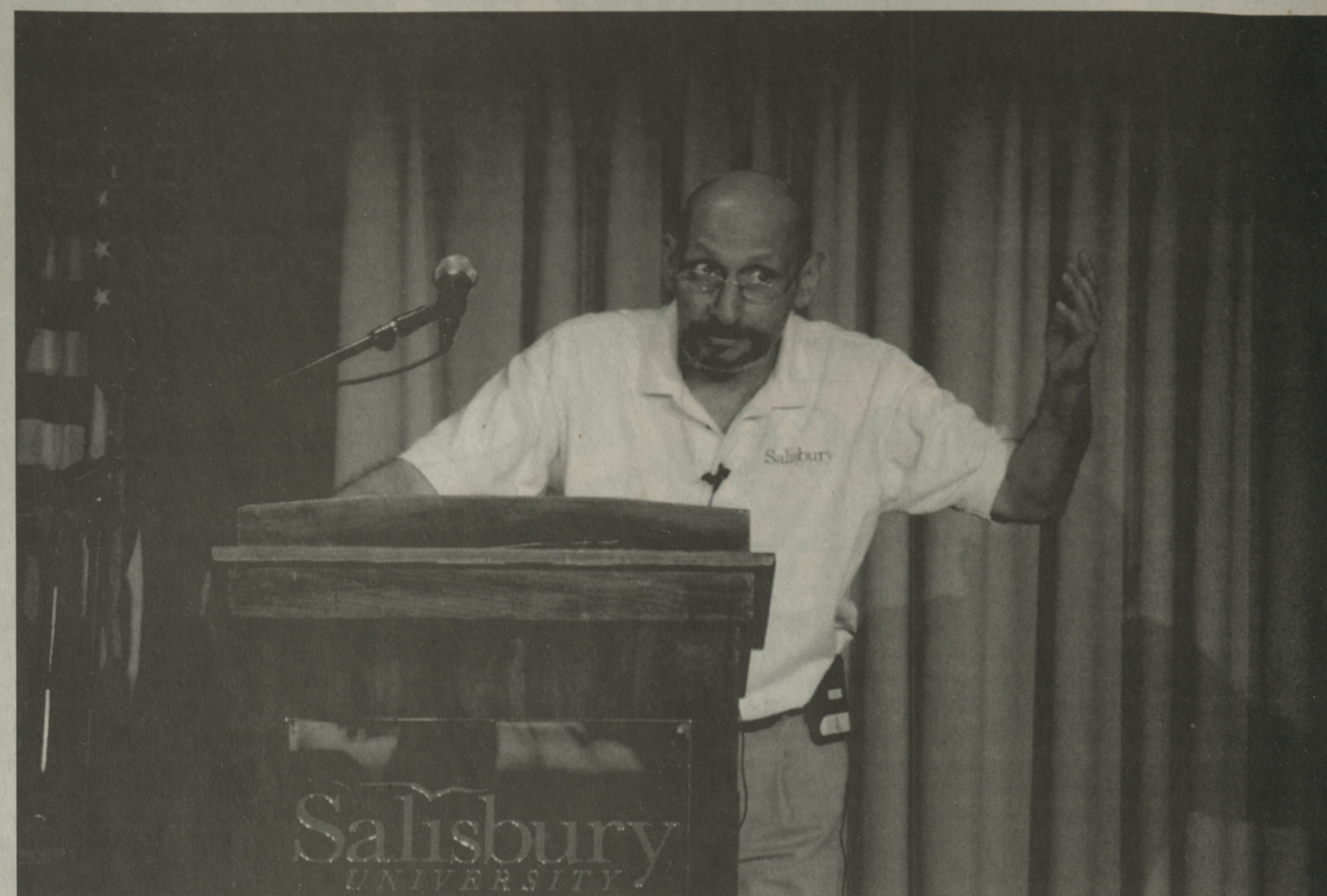
Former student Seth Warren said Leoutsakas' classes shaped his entire experience at SU.

"There's a distinct difference between teaching and educating, a difference I would equate to hearing and listening," Warren said. "Dennis Leoutsakas is an educator...He makes students realize what they're truly capable of."

More than a decade has passed since Leoutsakas' HIV diagnosis, leading him to conclude that death has no interest in him.

"I thought I was going to be dead at 12, at 21 in Vietnam, on the streets in New York...I don't know why I'm still alive; I don't have an answer for that. But I am who I am. I'm a culmination of everything I've experienced."

Yet he concluded that his life was saved by curiosity, his desire to learn and to be educated. Today, Leoutsakas has drawn on his experiences to instill the same curiosity in all of his students. He plans to retire next spring after years of research and teaching communication arts.



Kevin Cunningham photo
Dennis Leoutsakas shares life lessons with the audience at Last Lecture.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. finally returns to SU campus

BY ARIEL SPENCE
Staff Writer

A historic moment took place at Salisbury University when Interim Director of Student Activities Sara Lowry announced that the only African-American sorority had initiated new members last March.

After being absent for more than 28 years, 20 women joined the Mu Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated and have expanded the Greek community at SU.

To keep a chapter established on a campus, a certain number of

members are required to maintain it.

Jasmine Hart, a member of Mu Chi, said not enough people were joining when the last chapter graduated off. In order to be an active sorority/fraternity on campus, a brother or sister graduate chapter is needed to start an undergraduate chapter.

Mu Chi chapter President Nicole Elliott said although the minority population has risen in the last five years, it did not help that around the time the last AKAs were here the minority population was scarce.

"There just weren't enough people to sustain the chapter to keep it going," Elliott said.

The reformation of Alpha Kappa Alpha opens up more opportunities for other organizations to follow. For the African-American population, it opens up more leadership opportunities, creates a sister bond and offers services to the community.

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and the student body have been anticipating their return to this campus. SU junior Daria Baylis shared her opinion about the new organization and its impact on her since the AKAs came to campus.

"Even though I am not in any Greek organizations, it still is very encouraging for me to see the AKA come to campus because it shows that Salisbury University is supportive of all organizations equally," Baylis said. "We all want to see each other do good things. It's as simple as that."

Elliott said that the AKA sorority has been well received by the campus as a whole.

"I think there has been an overall positive reaction to us being here," Elliott said. "Those who don't know who we really are, are becoming more curious and asking questions to find out more about us. Furthermore, people who already know of Alpha Kappa Alpha have reached out to collaborate on community projects."

"This campus can expect to see a lot of Mu Chi supporting other Greeks and organizations as well as continuing to promote the Mu Chi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated and being of service to our community," Elliott said.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, which was founded in 1908 at Howard University, is the oldest Greek lettered sorority established by African-American women.

SU continues on with its vision and mission of diversity by taking on a partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated and allowing them to start a new chapter on campus.

"This gives us the opportunity to leave a legacy and take this campus by storm," Elliott said.

SU's commitment to producing leaders continues with the legacy of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, making this event especially significant by empowering two minority groups, females and African-Americans.

Submitted photo

Alpha Kappa Alpha members showcased their talents in a step show in the Guerrieri Center where they recanted chants from their initiation process.

Students plan campus yard sale to raise awareness

BY JESSIE ESPOSITO
Video Editor

Get out your wallets! It's time for a little shopping.

Salisbury University students will host a yard sale to support autism awareness on the Henson Hall Mall on May 7 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The yard sale will sell clothing, sports equipment, kitchen ware, bedroom linens, home décor, jewelry, shoes and more. All items will be donated by SU students and members of the community the day before the event. Donations will also be accepted at the sale.

People will be able to buy items with cash, credit cards and Gull Cards at the sale. Items not purchased by 5 p.m. will be donated to local charities.

All profits will be given to Autism Speaks, an autism science and advocacy organization dedicated to research, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism. They aim to spread awareness of autism disorders and advocate for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

"This is the perfect opportunity to clean out your closet for a great cause," said Morgan Hoey, who is helping organize the event.

There will also be an Autism Speaks table at the sale as well, where students can receive information about autism, the organization and how they can help the cause.

Freshman Victor Morales said he is excited for the event.

"Not only am I getting stuff I need, I am helping a cause that's worth my every dollar," Morales said.

For more information, contact Morgan Hoey at mh25146@gulls.salisbury.edu. Shoppers are invited to RSVP for the event on the "SU Autism Speaks Yard Sale" Facebook page.

Date: Tuesday, May 7

Time: 1-5 p.m.

Location: Henson Mall



Christine Harley photo
Performers dance during the showcase finale, "One," choreographed by Jessica Hindman-Wheatley.

SU Dance Company's Spring 2013 Showcase



Number 1 Chinese Buffet "☆☆☆"

BY RACHEL THURMAN
Staff Writer

This week I didn't know where I wanted to go to eat, but I knew I wanted Chinese. After searching Google, I decided to try Number 1 Chinese Buffet. This restaurant is located next to Ledo's Pizza near Goodwill. I arrived around 2:30 p.m. and was seated quickly. The restaurant was small, but there were at least seven other tables in the restaurant that were occupied by other customers. After I put down my purse I went and grabbed a plate. At first glance, I was surprised with the variety of choices. But as I started to put food on my plate I realized there were a lot of empty bowls of food

or there wasn't much inside them. Sushi and ice cream are included in the buffet, but first I chose the General Tso's chicken, black pepper chicken, rice and some fried vegetables. If you are looking for a great place to get a lot of General Tso's chicken for cheap, this is not the place to go. The General Tso's chicken was very, very sweet. I was expecting something with a little more spice. The rice was okay, but a bit dry. The vegetables were good, especially the mushrooms. The best thing on the buffet was the black pepper chicken. It had a ton of flavor, and I went back to get more after my first plate.

Overall, I was not impressed with my food. Nothing tasted as good as it looked, so I got the chicken nuggets, which were surprisingly very delicious. I was just hoping to get a lot of great Chinese food. The price of the lunch buffet at Number 1 Chinese Buffet is \$5.50. I left with a fortune cookie and a small to-go bowl of Hershey's vanilla ice cream. I would give Number 1 Chinese Buffet 2/5 stars. The buffet was cheap and the waitress paid attention to what I needed without hovering over me. But I had a real craving for Chinese food and it was not fulfilled here. The food looked a lot better than it tasted, and I will not return to this restaurant.

BY JASMINE CLAY
Photo Editor

Feet were moving every which way as the Salisbury University Dance Company took the stage to perform their annual spring showcase. From Wednesday-Saturday, the Holloway Hall auditorium was filled with music ranging from musical theatre to hip-hop and costumes of sweat suits and belly dancing coin skirts alike. The ladies captivated the audience as they danced their way through seven pieces that they spent the semester perfecting, with artistic director Mary Norton overseeing them. The dances were taught by guest choreographers, which Chelsea Chmel mentions was a bit difficult. Chmel is a junior exercise science major who, along with many fellow Dance Company members, has a dance minor. "With guest choreographers, we learn many dances in one weekend and then have to remember and perfect them without the choreographer for the semester," Chmel said. Mary Norton choreographed "Carmen Variations," the ballet, while a guest choreographer Alice Howes choreographed the second number "Territories." A guest choreographer Cheryl Sidwell choreographed "A Tribute to Warda," featuring belly dancing. "At the Bottom of Everything, We'll See It" was choreographed by an SU dance company alumna Katie Erdman and "Home" was chore-

graphed by a senior member of Company last semester, Stephanie Johnson, whose dance was chosen by a panel of professional judges to be performed again in this spring show. "Art isn't always beautiful," a hip-hop dance, was choreographed by guest choreographer Staci Alexander-Snyder, and the finale "One" was choreographed by SU faculty member Jessica Hindman-Wheatley, who teaches jazz and modern dance classes. The Dance Company used space and body language to captivate the viewer and lure them into another place. A downfall would be the dancers not always entirely synchronized, but these moments were few. A dance that stands out from the others was the hip-hop dance featuring dubstep music by Skrillex and dancers in fiery red sweat suits with gloves and facemasks. The audience was kept in suspense and started to applaud at one point only to realize the dance was not yet over; there was just a freeze in the song. The dancers effortlessly used robotic dance moves to defy classical dance and break new ground. The finale dance featured a musical theatre style with music from "A Chorus Line." The stage was aglow as the ladies wore leotards, vests and hats that were gold-colored. The Dance Company sends off seniors Bobbi Beers, Felicia Grube, Stephanie Johnson, Alicia Kelch and Abigail Tyler.

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Men's tennis advances to Capital Athletic Conference championships

BY AMY MCFARLAND
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's tennis team took on St. Mary's College of Maryland on Wednesday in both their last home game and the semifinal tournament to determine which team would reach the Capital Athletic Conference Championship against the University of Mary Washington. The Sea Gulls (14, 9) knew their rivals well after defeating the Seahawks less than two weeks before, but SU still fought hard to clinch the spot with an 8-1 victory. SU's doubles started out strong with senior Adam Goldberger and Demetri Vrahos's victory of 8-1 at No. 2 doubles. Shane Gunther and Nick Mancuso followed suit with a 8-1 victory of their own against St. Mary's Robert Bishop and Wyatt Paulishak. Daniel Albers and Eric Spangler did not earn their break as quickly, struggling to fight off their opponents after getting a 1-0 lead.

The Seahawks stepped up to the score 4-4, and the score went back and forth until Salisbury took control at 8-8. The Gulls claimed a victory of 7-1, completing the doubles' success.

"We were playing too defensive and passive; we're usually more aggressive," Spangler said. "Once we got back to how we usually played, it picked up."

The Gulls saw more points in singles, winning three matches back to back.

Mancuso earned a 6-4, 6-1 win and Gunther followed with a clean 6-1, 6-1 victory over St. Mary's Paulishak. Goldberger fought for a 6-4 win but ended strong with a second win of 6-1 at No. 4.

Spangler beat his opponent for the second time this season and took a 6-1, 6-3 win while Vrahos made a comeback in both sets to pocket a 6-3, 6-3 win.

The only Seahawk point was earned at No. 1, where Albers struggled to set a pace and



Kevin Cunningham Photo

Freshmen Eric Spangler reaches out to take a swing for the SU Men's Tennis team in a match against St. Mary's College of Maryland.

ended up with a 6-2, 6-0 loss to Andrew Gear.

"I could have played smarter," Albers said. "My hopes for the championship are to play as best I can and have a good doubles match."

Head Coach Randy Halfpapp shared Albers's hopes of a successful turnout for the championship against Mary Washington.

Halfpapp said the Gulls have improved their focus and intensity during practice, which has carried over to the last few matches of the season.

"I'm hoping for an upset since they beat us pretty good last time," Halfpapp said. "We know what to expect as we go into the match, so we've just got to work super hard and hope for the best."

Look for the results of the CAC championships to see how the Gulls fared at Mary Washington.



Terrance Payne photo

Elaina Iosue smiles in celebration of a good point, the first of many more to come.

Athlete Spotlight

Dylan Anderson

BY AMY MCFARLAND
Staff Writer

As the No. 4 Salisbury baseball team gets ready to close out the last few games of the 2013 season, players like sophomore pitcher Dylan Anderson are looking to end the season strong.

Anderson recently achieved his first career win and helped the Gulls reach the Capital Athletic Conference championship by throwing just 68 pitches and allowing just two hits in a home game against Mary Washington.

The Saratoga Springs, N.Y., native came all the way to Salisbury because he felt it was a good match between the academics and the Division III baseball program.

Originally an athletic training major, Anderson decided business was a better fit for him. When off the field, Anderson said he tries his best to stay on top of academics.

"It's tough, but you've just got to have your priorities straight and know that baseball is going to take up a lot of time," Anderson said.

Anderson said that baseball has helped him improve his work ethic

and shown him what one can accomplish if they work hard and put everything into the sport. Anderson said that he wanted to be a starter coming into the season, but now his goal is to contribute in any way that he can.

"I haven't been playing my absolute best, but overall I am happy with how the season is going so far," Anderson said.

Head Coach Doug Fleetwood said that on the field Anderson is a talented player and has great natural movement with the ball when pitching if he is able to spot it. Fleetwood said that as Anderson achieves pitching strikes at a higher level, his ceiling gets even higher and he can show his true potential.

"He hasn't got a ton of playing time but he's kept working at it," Fleetwood said. "We tell our kids all the time that when you get the opportunity, then you have to produce, and I think he set a great example of that in the tournament."

Fleetwood said that Anderson has improved his pitching by throwing more strikes.

Teammate Johnny Schiotis agreed that Anderson has stepped



SU Athletics Photo

up, making a complete turnaround from the 2012 season.

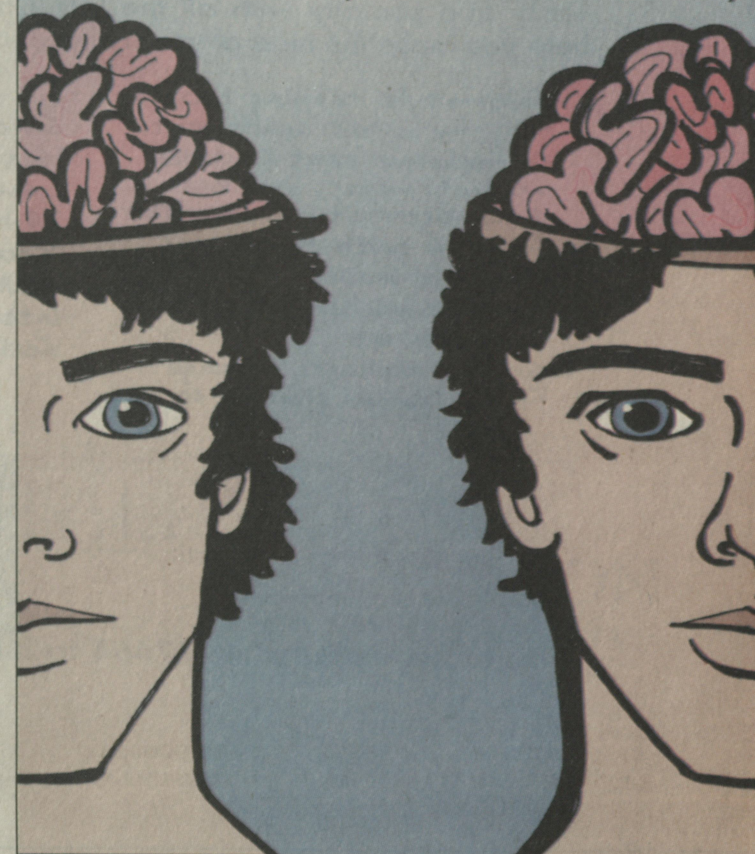
"He knows his role on the team, he comes out and he knows what he needs to do," Schiotis said. "He sets the same example we all do, we're here to win and he's a competitor."

Fleetwood agreed that Anderson has improved on his pitches and has shown potential for what he can achieve in future seasons.

"He's only a sophomore, and he has the talent," Fleetwood said. "As long as his work ethic goes with the talent, I think he could become an outstanding starter as he goes through his career here."

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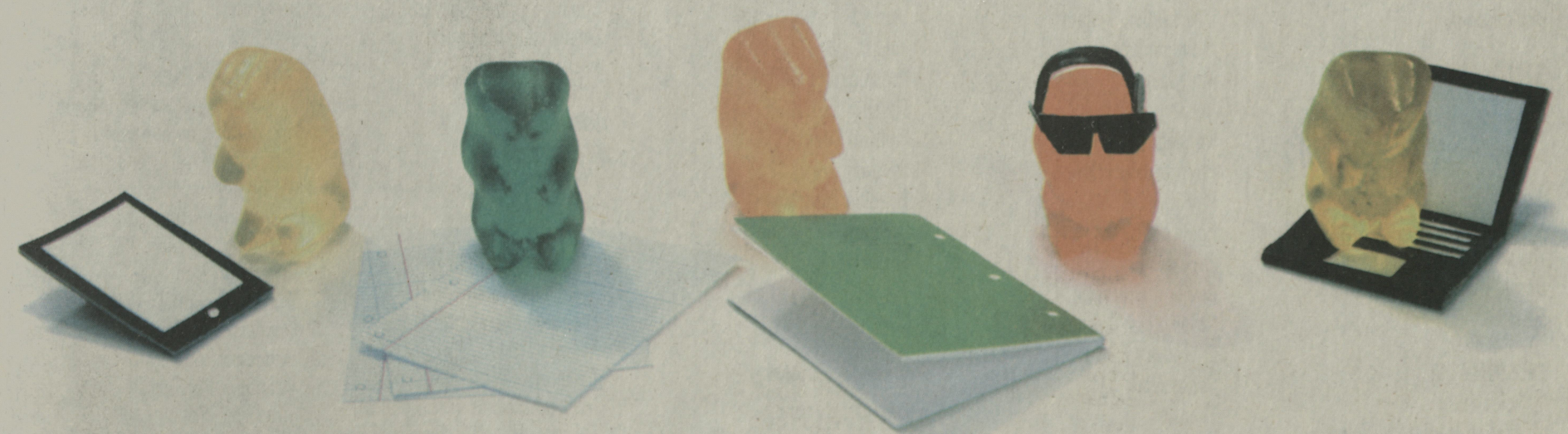
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- Estonia - Summer University in Europe
- Italy - Creative Arts in Bologna
- Italy - Venetian Art and the Venice Biennale
- Spain - Summer Spanish Intensive in Malaga
- Cork, Ireland *
- Athens, Greece *
- Czech Republic *
- Sao Paulo, Brazil *
- Italy - Italian Language and Culture *

SESSION II

- Iceland - Diversity and Evolution of Icelandic Fishes
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